

Report from the Users' Center

Presentation to the RHIC & AGS Users' Executive Committee

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Items Being Addressed at Users' Center

- ATLAS
- NASA
- NUFO
- ASAP
- UEC Budget & Account
- PHOBOS
- Tandem
- UEC Thank You Letters

ATLAS

- Matching appointments with individuals who have computer accounts with individuals who have training
- ATLAS has been included on Users' Center web page
- ATLAS training has been agreed upon & training web page has been posted
- JTAs need to be issued
- Registration forms are being processed by the Users' Center

NASA Space Radiation Laboratory

- Developing an integrated reporting system for combining PeopleSoft database with NSRL data into a completed NASA report.
- Coordinating a proposal/training database to improve the safety oversight and increase the efficiency of processing new users.

National User Facility Organization Meeting

- Next Meeting: March 28-29, 2006 at FERMI
- Sponsored: Sasha Kopp, FERMI UEC Chair
- Topics
 - National Academy of Sciences' report entitled "Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future"
 - Safety. Ensure guests are properly trained while maximizing time for research. How do we do it now? Can we standardize some of the training and establish better policies on training reciprocity? Representatives of the five nanoscience centers have been meeting regularly to address this particular issue. What can we learn from them?

Additional Suggestion for Discussion @ NUFO Meeting

- A discussion of how user info can be provided to user groups in a way that is useful for advocacy projects might be worthwhile.
- Feedback please

Miscellaneous Items

- ASAP
 - Next Cross-talk January 19, 2006
 - Host: NSLS
- UEC Account
 - No progress to-date
- PHOBOS
 - Terminating non-collaborators
 - Re-evaluating JTA
- Tandem
 - Patent Agreement issues
- UEC Thank You Letters

Questions, comments, & suggestions are
always welcome